

Serial: 232944

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

No. 2020-AP-00757

***IN RE: JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT RELATED TO
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19): SPECIAL JUDGE
FOR THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI***

ORDER APPOINTING SPECIAL JUDGE

Before the Chief Justice is the request of the duly elected chancellors in the First and Second Judicial Districts of the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, through Senior Chancellor Denise Owens, for the appointment of two special judges on a temporary basis to provide assistance in performing their duties due to the unforeseen needs proximately caused and/or contributed by COVID-19. The Court finds that it is appropriate under Mississippi Code Section 9-1-105 to appoint Honorable Patricia Wise, Senior Status Judge, as a Special Temporary Judge for the First and Second Judicial Districts of the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi from the entry of this order through December 30, 2020.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that ***Honorable Patricia Wise***, Senior Status Judge, be, and she is hereby appointed as a Special Temporary Judge of the First and Second Judicial Districts of the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, to assist the duly elected chancellors from the entry of this order through December 30, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that all compensation and

necessary expenses incurred by Honorable Patricia Wise and approved by the Administrative Office of Courts will be paid through the Supreme Court's AOC-CARES Act COVID-19 Fund.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that all compensation and other necessary expenses incurred with respect to the COVID-19 crisis must be incurred by December 30, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court shall transmit copies of this order to: Honorable Patricia Wise, Special Chancellor, the Honorable Denise Owens, the Honorable Crystal Wise Martin, the Honorable Tiffany Grove, and the Honorable Dewayne Thomas, Chancellors of the First and Second Judicial Districts of the Chancery Court of Hinds County; the Hinds County Circuit Clerk for the First and Second Judicial Districts, Mrs. Carol Allgood, Finance Director of the Mississippi Supreme Court, and Lisa Counts, Deputy Director of Administrative Office of Courts.

SO ORDERED,

DIGITAL SIGNATURE
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randolph", written over a horizontal line.

Michael K. Randolph, Chief Justice